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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
In the Application of
CHRISTOFER FUCHS ET AL.
Serial No.: 09/674,691 : Confirmation No.: 3267
Filed: November 3, 2000 : Group Art Unit: 1771
For: DISCONTINUOUSLY EXPANDABLE WEB MATERIALS : Examiner J. R. Pierce

Case CM-17640
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
DATED SEPTEMBER 11, 2002
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:
In response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2002, Applicants hereby submit
the following. Filed concurrently with this response is a Petition for an Extension of Time for
an extension of one month.

INTRODUCTION

Applicants' Agent wishes to thank the Examiner for examining the above-identified
Application. Claims 1-15 are pending in the Application, Claim 15 is withdrawn from
consideration. Claims 1-14 have been rejected.

This response fully addresses each and every issue raised in the Office Action dated
September 11, 2002. A detailed discussion of each issue is provided in the sections, which
follow.

In the Claims

AMENDMENTS

Please amend Claim 1 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A web material having
a longitudinal dimension and a transverse dimension substantially smaller than said
longitudinal dimension